REMARKS

Claims are canceled in this Preliminary Amendment for the sole purpose of reducing the filing fees for the application. The claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue such claims in a continuing application.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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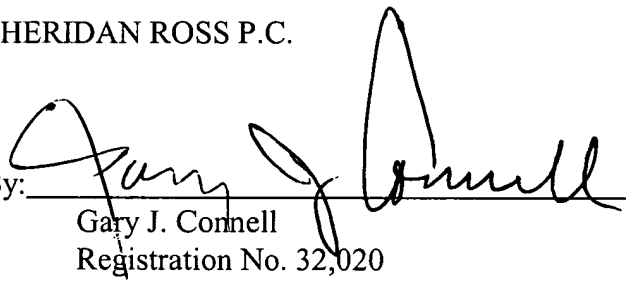
By: 

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